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1. On 9 May, 200 Communist troops under the direction of two Soviets installed four six-inch guns at T'angchiahuan (113-36, 22-22). On 22 April Japanese-made armaments of 25 medium tanks, 11 light tanks, several 75mm and 100mm guns, and 4 Soviet guns were observed in Canton by a foreign resident of the city.
2. The 4 Field Army, totalling 140,000 men, is disposed as: 41 Army in Canton; 44 Army in Paoan (113-56, 22-32); 40, 43, 46, and 47 Armies in the East River area and Leichou Peninsula; and the 48 Army in North Kwangtung. The Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column of 40,000 men will be separated into two armies and assigned to the 4 Field Army.*
3. On 8 May, about one division of the 15 Army Group, equipped with twenty army trucks and four heavy artillery pieces, was sent to T'angchiahuan via Chiangmen (113-06, 22-34) and Shihchi (113-22, 22-30). Roads were cleared for their passage and frequent maneuvers were noted in Chungshan Hsien. Ten steamboats were commandeered at Shihchi and about 100 junks were taken at Chiangmen and elsewhere.
4. On 8 May the gunboats FU LIN (福綸) and FU AN (福安) of the Pearl River command arrived at Lung Hsueh Tao (龍穴島) and anchored south of Humen (113-41, 22-49). Approximately 20 junks with newly-installed motors and 15 landing crafts are assembled in the bay.
5. Two battalion of troops formerly with FU Tso-yi under the 41 Army at Tsengcheng (113-49, 23-16) attempted a defection to Nationalist units but were unable to contact a Taiwan representative. Battalion representatives sent to contact LI Fu-lin (李福林), Nationalist guerrilla commander for the Canton Delta area,

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reported that LI and his forces had hidden all Nationalist insignia.**

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** Comment. The Hong Kong press on 29 April reported that 500 Communist troops, former FU Tso-yi men, killed 37 Communist political workers and surrendered to Nationalist guerrillas at Chiulienshan (114-51, 24-23) in North Kwangtung and near the Kwangsi border.

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